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Give Boss A Bonus

A good example in labor-management relations is an event which occurred in Richmond, Virginia, recently. The head of a firm in Richmond which employs over 150 persons, E. C. Robins, was recently notified by his employees they were presenting him and his wife a trip to Mexico, all expenses paid.

The employees thought it was about time that the boss get a bonus in the way of a two-weeks' vacation. For many years Robins has colsed his plant in the summer and sent his employees on trips, paying all the tolls. These trips included such places as New York City and Washington, D. C.

Not long ago Robins and his wife boarded a plane for Mexico, convinced that the policy of providing a little fun along with the pay-checks for his employees had paid wonderful dividends in labor-management relations and the building of friendship and goodwill.

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George Washington

Americans honor the birthday anniversary of George Washington on the 22nd day of February of each year. Washington, the first President and the man responsible more than other for the successful establishment of the American Republic as an independent country, was a man who quit school at the age of sixteen. His father had died and left him only a farm on the Rappahannock as an inheritance. Although his elder brother had enjoyed schooling in England, George was not fortunate enough to have this advantage and began his career as a woodsman and surveyor, working for an Englishman who was looking after considerable inherited properties.

Actually, one of George's brothers did much to get him started on the road to success. That brother, Lawrence, was in ill health when George began his career as a woodsman and surveyor, and in 1751 his failing health induced George to accompany him to the Bahamas. Though George stayed with him a while, he finally was forced to bring him back to die, but his brother made him executor of his will.

Lawrence had also given George his place in the Virginia Militia, and, in 1752, Lieutenant-Governor Dinwiddie gave George a commission as Major and Adjutant General, in charge of one of the four military districts of the state.

From this beginning, Washington on to become the General who fought for many long and discouraging years against the British to win American independence. It was largely through his patience, perseverance and steadfastness that the American colonial army was held together and maintained as an effective fighting force.

George Washington was chosen to lead the Continental Army over John Adams, who saw the wisdom of binding the South and middle colonies to New England, which was already in an uprising against the British. The choice was a wise one.

The victorious turning point of the war for independence came when Washington crossed the Delaware on December 25th, 1776, and won a major victory against the Hessians, taking 900 prisoners. Then he crossed to the other side of the river and won another great victory at Princeton. These victories, after adverse conditions, and silent suffering on Washington's part, brought him the sympathy and admiration of the world, and from then on, confidence in their leader increased among Americans and those abroad.

Washington, however, went through other trials, especially in 1777, up to and during his encampment at Valley Forge, and for the next three years. Finally, the British surrendered on the 19th of October, 1781.

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Get Your Exercise

This editorial is directed at both men and women who have either passed the age where they exercise regularly, or who never did, perhaps, but who should do so.

For many of us who were active during school days, the business world or the chores around the house confine us pretty strenuously and we are not able to get proper exercise for our bodies. This is one cause of all sorts of breakdowns in health, adding unnecessary weight and generally becoming sluggish and inefficient in our work.

A short period of daily exercise, provided one uses the proper exercises, will do wonders in this direction. Not only will these exercises keep the body muscles in tone, tend to keep the backbone straight, and the organs of the body in their proper places, but it will make the exerciser feel better, as well as improving his general health.

Perhaps more women utilize regular exercise than do men, for the women probably get more exercise around the home than do men who are confined to their offices day in and day out. Therefore, men would do well to heed the advice of this editorial.

While exercise might give the reader sore muscles for the first few days, the dividends, even after the short period of a week or so, will do much to make up for the early discomforts.

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Benson's Farm Program

The Commodity Credit Corporation recently issued a report which showed that Government losses in operating the price-support farm program during the Eisenhower Administrataion have been greater than the total losses during the preceding twenty years of Federal farm aid programs. In fact, the Eisenhower Administration's losses have been about three times greater than the losses for the preceding twenty years.

The Administration's philosophy is that there is little chance that agricultural prices will return to normal, or a high level, as long as huge farm surpluses exist.

In recent days, Secretary of Agriculture Benson has announced a further lowering of the price support level, and this has brought protests from a number of senators and congressmen from agricultural states.

The worst feature about agricultural developments in recent years, in our opinion, is the fact that farm profits have been shrinking, while the United States has been sperding more and more money, trying to get rid of surpluses. As yet, the sums of money expended to reduce surpluses have not seemed to have had much effect on farm prices.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Dioipts Sunday School Lessons

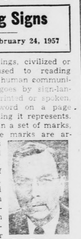
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 14:1-21.
Devotional Reading: Romans 3:5-16

Reading Signs

Lesson for February 24, 1957

ALL human beings, civilized or not, are used to reading signs. Indeed all human communication and life goes by sign-language. Words, printed or spoken, are signs. Written on a page, looks like the thing it represents. It is no more than a set of marks, but the way the marks are arranged makes meaning for all who can read. Expression of people's faces, gestures, road signs, we learn to interpret before we can read! The farmer looks for weather signs, the fisherman and the hunter have their own signs to look for. There are few people so stupid that they see only what they see.



Dr. Foreman

Wanted: A Sign!

When Jesus was teaching and healing in Galilee, he was doing so without any official authorization from what we would call the church. And yet he claimed to speak and work with the authority of God. The church officials did not take this easily. They kept pestering him: "Show us a Sign!" they said. How do we know you are right? How do we know what you say is from God? To this day there are people who are not satisfied with what God has shown us. They want to know: How do we know the Bible is true? How do we know Jesus was the Son of God? If the preacher would let himself be bitten by rattlesnakes, without getting hurt; if the stars arranged themselves in the sky so as to spell a personal message from heaven; if some modern Joshua would make the sun stand still, such people think they would find it easier to believe.

The Signs Are Up

Jesus steadily refused to produce any such "sign from heaven" as he was challenged to call down.

True, he worked miracles, but it is evident that the kind of miracles he did were not the kind of "sign" the Pharisees wanted. His mighty works were always simply and quietly done, out of sympathy with human suffering. They were never done in dramatic, showy fashion. Never in the childish way: See Me do this—don't you think I'm Wonderful? Jesus told the Pharisees that the signs of the times were there to be read. By "times" he did not mean years or dates. He meant what in the Old Testament usage, with which both Jesus and the Pharisees were familiar, the "times of God's visitation," the special era of God's visiting the earth and man for special purposes. In all of Jesus' work and words was the claim, made outright or implied, that God was in and back of it all. The Pharisees wanted some sign that this was true, some sign outside Jesus. But Jesus was the only sign there was. If they could not see God in him they could not see God any other way. So it is today. Jesus is still the Sign of God.

Wanted: Eyes!

The Kingdom of God is at its core a kingdom of souls, of the spirit; and the signs of its coming are spiritual. An atheist was once asked what it would take to make him believe in God, and his answer was, "Trot him out and let me see him do something!" Well, God cannot be led around on a leash. But he is doing things all the time, for those who have eyes to see. The beauty and the order and grandeur of the universe speak of his power and glory. The goodness and the grace that we see in the lives of men and women speak of the creative Goodness that made such persons. Furthermore, God is at work every day, transforming lives. The great miracle is not turning stones into bread but sinners into saints. The great miracle is men and women who live above the rules and standard of ordinary mankind, men and women who already in this noisy world have found the melodies of heaven. When you read in the Bible, especially in Jesus' teaching, an invitation and challenge to high, pure, brave living, and you think, "This is asking too much, this is beyond human nature," remember there are people who actually do live "beyond human nature" as you say, because they have been touched by the Divine. Such men and women are the living signs of God.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Feb. 25.- Cream of tomato soup with crackers, 1-2 egg salad sandwich, apple sauce, cookies, 1-2 pt. milk.

Feb. 26.- Chili con carne, whipped potatoes, string beans, hot corn bread, jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Feb. 27.- Hot dog on roll with dressing, cole slaw, hot buttered rice, ice cream. 1-2 pt. milk.

Feb. 28.- Turkey hash on toasted bun, sweet potato pudding, buttered corn, cookies, 1-2 pt. milk.

Feb. 29.- Vegetable stew with crackers, 1-2 peanut butter sandwich, blue plums, hot ginger bread, 1-2 pt. milk.

NAPS ON TRACK

Silver City, N. M.- Police officials were recently notified that the body of an unidentified man was lying on the crushed rock roadbed of the Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way between Deming and Hatch, N. M. Police investigated and found the man was just "taking a nap."

The State Department is urged to use civilian leaders.

20-YEAR BATTERY

Auburn, N. Y.- A tiny battery with a projected life of more than 20 years has been announced by the General Electric Company plant here. The battery is 1-inch long and less than one-third inch in diameter, yet it has sixty times the voltage of a common flashlight battery. The miniature power source is believed to hold promise for use in remote fire and radiation warning devices, deep-well survey equipment and emectronic instruments. The preesnt high cost is expected to be reduced when it can be mass-produced.

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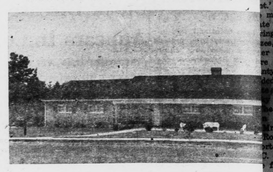

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EXTENSION NEWS

By G. L. JAMES
Farm Agent

Achievement Day

The twelfth annual 4-H Achievement day program was held Thursday afternoon at the Carver-Price school auditorium. William Bass - past president of the Campaator club was master of ceremonies. William is also serving his second term of "State 4-H President." His credits are as follows: Most outstanding 4- member in Campbell in 1954; received a $50.00 Savings Bond award; won more blue ribbons and money than any county member; has made more money - net -than any other project member; also attended the regional Camp as a Delegate in Frankfort, Kentucky in 1954.

The main speaker of the afternoon was Herbert Williams - son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams, route 1, Appomattox. Herbert started on his trip to Washington, D. C. as a Regional 4-H Camp delegate for 1956. He was one of four chosen to represent Virginia, at the annual meeting. Herbert showed color slides of his trip, the various spots, historical and judicial buildings of the group tour while at the capitol. Herbert's projects have been: Duroc sow and litters, receives and his winningest projects were soil conservation, from which entry he won the coveted sportsmanship and a jeweled wrist watch.

Nadine Chamberlin, a senior 4-H girl and past 4-H secretary, gave a demonstrative talk on the values of attending meetings and conventions as a delegate.

Mr. E. Patrick, Carver High principal, presented awards, medals and certificates to county project winners. They were as follows: Garden, Barbara Forbes; Sewing, William Forbes and Mary Ferguson; Meat Animal, Walker:Poultry, Marie Forbes; Safety awards (certificates), Ann Spring, Stonewall, Vera 4-H; Soil and Water Conservation, Herbert Williams; Tractor, William Bass, Herbert Williams, Hershal Bass; Achievement, Nugene Harbour, Mrs. Scruggs; Canning, Lillie Forbes; Field Crops, Carl Walker; Food Preparation, Celestine Forbes.

Awards presented by the Agent to the adult 4-H Leaders: 5 service pins and certificates to Mr. J. C. Webb, M. T. West, C. L. Williams. The Lord's Prayer was sung by Beatrice James, president of the Junior 4-H Club. Clifford Lipford, vice-president of the junior club, gave the opening prayer and led the members in the pledge. The devotional music and 4-H songs were given by the 4-H chorus, under the direction of Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, 4-H Adult Leader. The program was informative and enjoyed by all, especially the happy medal winners.

4-H Tractor Clinic

The annual tractor school clinic was held at Virginia State College, February 7 and 8. The school was attended by the following boys: William Hunter, Hershel Forbes (1956 Tractor Maintenance State Winner) of a $50.00 Sáving Bond; Herbert Williams, William Forbes (1956 first place winner in the tractor driving contest at the Five County Fair. The Farm Agent accompanied the boys at the two day clinic.

Farmers Conference

The annual Farmers Conference will be held at the Carver High School on Wednesday, February 27, from 9:30 A. M. to Noon. The subjects to be discussed by the guest speakers will be: Social Security, tobacco problems, wills and record keeping, also ASC practices for 1957. Please keep the date and the time in mind as this is a public meeting, designed for discussion of events closely related to your present problems of the day.

F. F. A. BOYS SHOW THEIR WORK AT FAIR

Each fall the Farmville Five-County Fair and the Lynchburg Farm Show give farm people an opportunity to exhibit the results of their year's work. The Future Farmer boys of the Robert E. Lee Chapter take part in these shows and they do well. The picture of Brod Moore shows him exhibiting his blue ribbon heifer at the Farmville Fair. Brod, a freshman member of the local chapter won first place with a registered Guernsey Heifer. Frank Inge, senior at at Appomattox High School and Chapter President, also won a blue ribbon with a registered Holstein yearling heifer.

After working all year on their productive enterprises the Vo-Ag. F. F. A. boys are quick to seize the opportunity to display their products. They come up with some high quality products, too. A majority of the boys place exhibits in one or both of the shows mentioned. Some numbers place several entries. Exhibits include all kinds of farm products from eggs, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, hay, forest exhibits, chickens, sheep, dairy cattle, and beef cattle, to things constructed in the vocational agriculture shops. Such things as self feeders, table emery grinders, tractor seedens, farm gates and post hole diggers are included.

Eugene Conner won first place in the Utility Class of Farm Mechanics at the Lynchburg Farm Show last fall. His blue ribbon was given for the post hole digger he constructed. Dennis Torrence, sophomore member of the local chapter took second place in this class with a tractor seeder which he built to work on the power take-off of a farm tractor and plant seeds of grasses or small grains.

Other members of the local F. F. A. who won prizes ranging from one to twenty-one dollars at the

Beckham

Beckham, Feb. 19.- The W. S. C. S. of Trinity Church met with Mrs. Herman Moore Thursday, with a good attendance. The theme for the month was, "Whom Shall I send?" Mrs. H. O. Martin had charge of the devotional. Mrs. Russell Martin presented the program. Mrs. David Martin, a member of the W. S. G., and Mrs. Russell Martin in a playlette reminded the group of the urgent need of young people for full-time Christian service.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore Thursday were Mrs. R. J. Coleman, Mrs. Tom Coleman, Mrs. E. B. Martin, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Mrs. Ashby Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Dorothy Jane and Dianne, of Richmond were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore Sr. in celebration of Mrs. Herman Moore Sr.'s birthday.

Mrs. C. A. Moore is ill at this writing. We hope that she will soon be well. Many friends and relatives visited Mrs. Moore during the week-end, including Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burge, of Hopewell; Mrs. R. S. Wheeler, Miss Mary Ann Wheeler, Mr. Robert Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Enid Phelps, of Appomattox; Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Harvey, and Mr. and Mrs. Rice Moore.

Mr. Clayton Burge and two children, Richard Lee and Linda, of Hopewell visited his mother, Mrs. T. H. Burge and also Mrs. C. A. Moore Sunday.

Lynchburg Farm Show were: Gerald Blanks, Henry Covington, Floyd Coleman, David Doss, James Doss, Frank Inge, Richard Kuntz, Kinckle Martin, Fred Moore, Brod Pack, Phillip Scruggs, and Cecil Wooldridge.

We are sorry Mr. J. T. Morris is sick. We hope he will soon be well.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morris were Mrs. Marvin Martin, Jo Anne, Eddie and Robert Morris.

A birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. T. M. Martin at her home Sunday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. H. O. Martin, Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Mr. R. B. Martin and Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris, and Glenn; Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Martin, Joan and Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Dorothy Jane and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and Pam; Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin, Phillip and Patricia, Mrs. R. J. Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

FINANCE UNDERSTANDING

Seattle, Wash.- In order to finance the fare of a foreign student to come to their high school, Franklin High School students are selling shares in "international understanding" at 25 cents a share. The bargain rate is five for $1. In 1955, they raised $250 toward the fare of Kurt Ahrens, a 17-year-old German boy, who now is a Franklin senior. The American Field Service paid the remainder of his travel costs.

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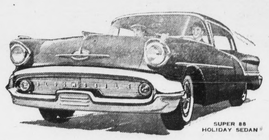

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